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ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF ANTHROPOLOGY ETHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of activities and achievements made in field of Anthropology and Ethnology during the last three years, till date;

(b) the details of expenditure incurred thereon during the said period;

(c) the details of research work done during the last three years till date and expenditure incurred thereon; and

(d) the details of future plans of the Government in these fields?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) The Anthropological Survey of India has undertaken nine national projects in the Ninth Plan in the field of anthropological and ethnological research among the various communities of our country. In order to achieve the goal, several teams completed fieldwork at various locations of the country.

(b) & (c) Expenditure incurred thereon during the said period is Rs.652.82 lakhs. Anthropological information were generated from the various projects through fieldwork. Various collaborative projects were initiated between Anthropological Survey of India and various Universities/research institutes of India and abroad. Various national seminars/workshops were organised for exchange of views. 12 books and 226 scientific articles were published. The nine continuing projects relate to urban anthropology, scheduled castes, nutritional status, medical anthropology, documentation of our cultural history, upgradation of laboratories, strengthening of infrastructure, programme of training and orientation and publication programme.
(d) The Anthropological Survey of India has proposed to undertake five research projects in the Tenth Plan related to anthropological and ethnological research in India. These projects would have a direct relevance to the study of ancient skeletal remains at the molecular level, physical growth of adolescent, cultural dimension of tourism, documentation and dissemination of our cultural history, upgradation of laboratories, strengthening of infrastructure and programme of training and orientation, besides other continuing academic activities like collaboration with reputed research organisations and publication in the field of anthropological and ethnological studies.